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and its employees carry out their functions of the laws. The Legislature has power over the employees by legislative action and by way of appropriation. It is, therefore, my feeling that the Governor and not the Legislature should approve the labor contracts affecting such employees subject to only funding guidelines as the Legislature and other restrictions by the Legislature wants to apply by way of statute. In addition to the above consideration, having 49 senators look over the union contract and decide whether it's good or bad would be an impossibility. This simply states that if the Governor of this state who appoints the head of the Ag Department, the Labor Department, the Highway Department, and so forth, if he appoints the head of that department and they sit down through their lawyer and negotiate a contract, he is the one that is responsible for what their actions are and he should approve the contract and not the Legislature. The Legislature right now sets the wages. It sets insurance policy; it sets the time and a half and there is no reason under the sun that the Legislature should come in and approve what the Governor and his boys are doing as far as writing a contract on who gets promoted within the department and so forth. I move for the introduction of the bill.

PRESIDENT: Senator George.

SENATOR GEORGE: Mr. President and members of this body. I have a question of Senator Keyes if he'll yield. Senator Keyes, don't you think that...I don't disagree with your position at all. Don't you think that this can be done by a simple motion of this body? Possibly a resolution? Do you really think we have to introduce a bill?

SENATOR KEYES: I believe if you are going to change one word in the statute from legislative to executive, that you will have to have a hearing on the bill. That's all this bill does is in 504 or whatever the section is, it changes one word from legislative to executive. That should have been done long ago.

SENATOR GEORGE: OK, thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Barnett.

SENATOR BARNETT: Mr. President and members of the body. I think we should look at this thing in a realistic attitude at this time. We've only got 35 days left in this Legislature. By the time we take and introduce this bill, you'll be into the 20's and it's not going to take any place on the board this year, Orval. Why don't we introduce the bill and bring it in in the next session? Or try to amend something that's already up there instead of a new bill with a new public hearing and everything. The cost of doing it, you're not going to get it taken care of until next year anyway I believe. In all sincerity, I think you'd be better off and give it a proper hearing at the proper time. I'm not disagreeing with the idea. I think that's a pretty good idea. I'm saying that we ought to do it when we've got a lot more time to study it rather than what we've got up there ahead of us on General File. With that in mind, I'd oppose introducing the bill at this time.

SENATOR KEYES: I'll answer the one question of yours of why we should introduce it. I'm very interested to find out if